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1. THE FOLLOWING

SCHEDULE HAS BEEN WORKED OUT FOR THE FELLOWS' VISIT (THE MEETINGS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED):

SUNDAY, JULY 3

1615: ARRIVAL FROM TEHRAN ON FG 710

1645: BRIEFING BY THE AMBASSADOR AT THE EMBASSY LATE AFTERNOON: CHECK-IN AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

1930: DINNER PARTIES HOSTED BY THE EMBASSY'S

ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELORS, AS WELL AS THE USAID ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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MORNING: BREAKFAST AT HOTEL. SIGHTSEEING AND

SHOPPING AROUND KABUL.

1400-2000: JOIN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S

 $FOURTH\ OF\ JULY\ PICNIC.$

TUESDAY, JULY 5

0800: ALL-DAY TRIP TO PARWAN AND KAPISA PROVINCES NORTH OF KABUL TO VISIT

VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH USAID SUPPORT, AS WELL AS TO SEE THE RURAL COUNTRYSIDE OF AFGHANISTAN. RETURN TO KABUL VIA SOVIET-FINANCED SAROBI DAM AND RESEVOIR, AND THROUGH SCENIC KABUL GORGE.

EVENING: REST. WEDENSDAY, JULY 6

1000-1200: PANEL DISCUSSION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH SENIOR AFGHAN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND CULTURAL OFFICERS.

1215-1315: LUNCH AT AMERICAN COMMUNITY STAFF HOUSE BRIEFING BY USAID OFFICER DURING LUNCH.

1330-1430: MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING FAROUGH.

1445-1545: MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE TARZI.

1600-1700: MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRI-

CULTURE RAHIM RAHIM.

1800-1930: AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF THE FELLOWS.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

0930: DEPARTURE FOR NEW DELHI VIA FG 308.

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HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN INTERVIEWS WITH THE FELLOWS, AS WELL AS PHOTO COVERAGE DURING THE VISIT. IF THE DEPARTMENT OR WHITE HOUSE HAVE NO OBJECTION, WE SUGGEST THAT BRIEF INTERVIEWS WITH SEVERAL OF THE FELLOWS COULD BE SCHEDULED AT THEIR HOTEL FOR THE MORNING OF THE FOURTH, PRIOR TO THE SIGHTSEEING AND SHIPPING EXCURSION. BAKHTAR ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHER ACCOMPANY THE GROUP ON THE JULY 5 TRIP. AGAIN, IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION WE SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERABLE POSITIVE PUBLICITY MILEAGE MIGHT BE OBTAINED BY HAVING LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF AMERICAN FELLOWS VISITING U.S. SPONSORED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. PLEASE ADVISE.

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